health would permit no more, what was I to do? There seemed no other course open to me, but to refuse work point blank. I called accordingly the petty officer in charge of my work and told him that 1 was not going in for any more work,from that day forward. He took me to the overseer and the overseer in his turn sent me up to the court of the District officer Mr. Lewis for trial. When I reached Viper, I was told that the Dt. officer was not going to hold his court that day. I had, therefore, to pass the night in Viper jail, instead of going back to Dundas Pt. only for so short a time. I came, therefore, to the Dt. Court for trial, the day following. Viper jail was no a jail practically, but retained its name only because it used to be a jail once. Before the erection of the big Cellular jail in Aberdeen Island, this Viper jail served the purpose of a jail for* the entire Andaman settlements.

There is a bit of history connected with the construction of this particular jail, which 1 think it will not be altogether uninteresting to

note in passing.

All of my readers have heard I believe, the name of the famous 'Tower of London", an